

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-12, 14-18, and 28 remain pending. Claims 4, 13, 19-25, 27 and 29 36 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to file continuing applications directed to the cancelled subject matter.

Claims 1-3 and 5-12 and 14-18 have been allowed. Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter.

Claim 28 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 28 has been amended in conformance with the Examiner's suggestion and as such is in a condition for allowance. Support for this amendment is clearly found in the application as originally filed. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments.

CONCLUSION

By way of this Amendment, Applicant submits that the remaining pending claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date.

A request for a three (3) month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) is being made concurrently with this response via the EFS-Web. Please charge to Deposit Account No.13-2546 the fee of \$1050.00 which is required for the three-month extension of time.

If the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due, including

additional claims fees, in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 13-2546 referencing Attorney Docket No. P-22003.00.

Respectfully submitted,

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